THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) and (b) The concerned UN Organisation has assured us that there is no discrimination in assistance being provided to Afghan nationals curently resident in India.

Migration to Other Countries by Indian Settlers in Fiji

1527. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an increasing number of India settlers in Fiji are selling off their property and migrating to other countries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their migration; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports to the effect that some persons of Indian origin are migrating from Fiji due to certain economic and social reasons.

(c) Since the persons in question are Fijian nationals of Indian origin Government regard this as an internal affair of Fiji.

Citizenship for India-Born Nepalese Children

1528. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in December, 1986 in Darjeeling the Prime Minister had stated that granting of citizenship to Nepalese children born in India after 1950 was warranting serious thought and would be looked into as per the report in the *Times of India* dated 21st December, 1986; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The words attributed to the Prime Minister are not correct. The Prime Minister stated the correct position under law, which is under the provisions of Articles 5 and 6 of the Constitution of India read with Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, children born in India, irrespective of the national status of their parents are automatically citizens of India. This position will continue till the amendments made *vide* Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1986, to Citizenship Act come into force.

Inclusion of Nepali Language in The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

1529. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December last the Prime Minister had stated in Darjeeling that three or four languages were waiting to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and that Nepalese was one of them as reported in the Statesman of the 21st December, 1986; if so, what are the names of the languages and the action taken so far in this regard;

(b) whether some amendments in the Constitution are to be made to meet this and some other demands of the Nepalese; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The news item which appeared in the

man on 21 December 1986 was clarified and carried by the *Statesman* on 22 December to the effect that the question of inclusion of Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule would be examined along with claims of some other languages which are waiting to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. There is at present no specific proposal to amend the Constitution to include more languages in the Eighth Schedule or to meet the other demands of the GNLF.

Amendment of Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

1530. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to amend the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Impact of New Legislation to Prohibit Child Labour

1531. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any study to assess as to how far the recently enacted legislation to prohibit child labour in the country has proved effective in achieving the objective envisaged therein; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 received the assent of the President on the 23rd December, 1986. It is too arly to commission a study to assess the impact of the legislation.

Issues discussed with Pakistan

1532. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main issues discussed with the Government of Pakistan during the year 1986 for normalisation of relations between the two countries stating the level at which talks were held; and

(b) what results have been achieved so far out of the discussions held ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) During 1986, all aspects of the normalisation process were discussed with Pakistan.

(b) While not much progress was achieved, it was agreed that the discussions would continue.

Demonstration near the Indian Consulate in New York in support of sale of AWACS to Pakistan

1533. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people demonstrated near the Indian Consulate in New York expressing support for the sale of AWACS to Pakistan.

(b) if so, whether some Sikh extremists were also among the demonstrators; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Some 30-35 persons demonstrated near the Consulate General of India, New York on January 16, 1987 during which a flier was distributed expressing support for the sale of AWACS to Pakistan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Consulate General of India took adequate precautionary measures in consultation with the local authorities.